

(c) A befitting reply is given by Indian troops in all incidents of firing. However, our response is always specific, for effect and in a graduated manner to ensure that incidents remain localised and there is no escalation.

(d) 48 Army soldiers were killed while discharging their duties on LOC/International Border in J&K.

STATEMENT

Benefits provided to the next of kin/victims of Army/BSF personnel killed/injured in the incidents of firing on Indo-Pak border as also counter insurgency operations are as under :-

Army

The victims/next of kin of those Army personnel injured/killed due to firing at the border or in counter insurgency operations are entitled to liberalised pensionary award as also various other benefits including claims under Army Group Insurance Scheme, compassionate employment etc. Some State Governments also extend some benefits to the next of kin of those killed in operations.

BSF

In the case of BSF personnel killed on border due to firing from Pakistan, apart from ex-gratia payment of Rs. 2,00,000/- from the Central Government, certain other benefits are also extended to the next of kin of those killed in action.

[English]

Rain Water Management

512. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the rain water in the country is getting wasted and the Government have not any technology to store it;

(b) if so, whether there is imperative need for better rain water management and development of new technology; and

(c) if so, the plans of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Full utilisation of rain water is not possible due to evaporation and vegetative (transpiration) losses and due to allowing certain amount of water to flow in the river for maintaining the river regime. However, through large and small dams and reservoirs, storage can be

created on the river systems to store a limited quantity of rain water. Out of a total available utilisable water of 1142 billion cubic metres in the country, the present (1994) utilisation of water (surface and ground) is about 606 billion cubic metres i.e. 53% leaving 536 billion cubic metres of utilisable water as unutilised.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In the Five Year Plans emphasis was placed on creation of storages across rivers in order to utilise the rain water for irrigation and other purposes, as a result of which the total live storage capacity of the country is at present about 193.2 billion cubic metres. Dams to create additional live storage capacity of 77 billion cubic metres are under various stages of construction. In addition, about 130 billion cubic metres storage is likely to be added through major and medium schemes under consideration.

The National Water Development Agency is carrying out studies on the National Perspective Plan for water resources development which, inter-alia, envisages transferring water from surplus to water-short basins by inter-linking of rivers and constructing reservoirs at potential sites. It is estimated that another 220 billion cubic metres of water will be available under National Perspective Plan for use through inter-basin transfers.

[Translation]

Counter Magnet City Scheme

513. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount earmarked by the Government during Eighth Plan period under Counter Magnet City Scheme and the manner in which it will be implemented; and

(b) the amount allocated to various selected cities separately in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) In the context of the National Capital Region, an amount of Rs. 100 crores has been allocated for the development of Counter Magnet towns around Delhi during the VIII Plan period. As per policy guidelines for the Scheme, the Project Sanctioning and Monitoring Group of the National Capital Region Planning Board considers release of matching assistance based on proposals from the State Governments of Haryana (Hissar), Punjab (Patiala), Madhya Pradesh (Gwalior), Rajasthan (Kota) and

Uttar Pradesh (Bareilly). The State Government are required to take the following actions before seeking central assistance :

- (a) Finalisation of the development plan for Counter Magnet town;
 - (b) Constitution of Project Sanctioning Committee at the town level;
 - (c) Preparation of Annual Action Plan; and
 - (d) Allocation by the State Govt. of its matching share in the Development Fund for the Counter-Magnet area.
- (b) : Each of the selected Counter-Magnet cities (Hissar, Patiala, Gwalior, Kota and Bareilly) has been allocated a sum of Rs. 20 crores during the 8th Plan.

[English]

Special Dispensation Admissions in KVs

514. SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether special dispensation admissions in Kendriya Vidyalayas have now been discontinued; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) and (b). On a writ petition filed in the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, the Court has directed that no Special Dispensation admissions shall be made until the matter is finally disposed off.

DPEP in Assam

515. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) the names of the districts in Assam where District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) has been in operation;

(b) whether the Government propose to include the other districts, of the State in that programme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) to (c). Presently, four districts of Assam, namely, Darrang, Dhubri, Morigaon and Karbi Anglong are covered under the District Primary Education Programme (DPEP). The Government of Assam has proposed expansion of DPEP to give additional districts, namely, Barpeta, Bongaigaon, Goelpara, Kokrajhar and Sonitpur.

Short Supply of Coal

516. SHRI KASHI RAM RANA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is short supply of coal to SSI units and other industrial units of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Coal India Limited for privatisation of transportation of coal by road in view of the shortage of railway wagons;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the decision taken by the union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) and (b). According to the information received from Coal India Limited, they have not received any specific information about coal shortage from the SSI industrial units in Gujarat.

However, as a result of a higher priority given for supply of coal to the power sector, and as a result of a sharp increase in the demand of coal from this sector, supplies of coal to the industrial consumers has been affected. The total supplies to consumers other than the power sector, including industrial and SSI units in Gujarat was 32.16 lakh tonnes in 1994-95 which has gone down to 25.76 lakh tonnes in 1995-96. The total despatch to all the consumers including that of the power sector in Gujarat has, however, increased to 151.60 lakh tonnes as against the despatches of 151.04 lakh tonnes in 1994-95.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Coal Stock-Yards in Orissa

517. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the locations in Orissa where coal stock-yards have been established;

(b) the criteria fixed for establishing coal stock-yards; and

(c) the details of new stock-yards proposed to be opened in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) According to Coal India Limited (CIL), they are not presently operating any stockyard in Orissa. Earlier, they had operated stockyards at Rourkela, Sambalpur, Jagatpur and Bhadrak. While no fresh input of coal is being given, residual stock at Jagatpur and Bhadrak is being liquidated.